

can use more of it is we store more water. Yet we have policies that are keeping us from storing more water, adding yet to the uncertainty of our farmers and ranchers who desperately need it.

And so whether it's the tax increases that we see at the end of this year, if nothing is done, the estate tax, income tax rates, capital gains rates, and you mentioned that this isn't just a big tax increase. This isn't just a large one for the United States. This is the largest we've ever seen, not only in the United States, but around the globe.

Mr. HUELSKAMP. Fifty-five percent death tax. I mean, that's the one that hits the heart of my small businessmen and -women. And they're trying to hand on their business to their children or their grandchildren or someone else they choose, and government's going to come in and grab up to 55 percent of that estate, and that impacts farmers and ranchers in particular, and many other small businesses.

The very heart of economic recoveries in this country have always been driven by small business. It isn't the folks that hire a thousand people at a time. It's the ones that take—add one person, or take a part-time person to full time. And that's what I'm hearing at home, and they're frustrated. But they're ready to roll up their sleeves and go to work, and they expect Congress and Washington to do the same.

Mr. GARDNER. You mentioned optimism for the country, and I carry the same optimism, too, because the people that we work for believe that this continues to be the greatest Nation on the face of this Earth. If we have Congress, if we have Washington that's actually getting its job done, that will pass the regulations to make it easier to do business—excuse me, to repeal the regulations in this country to make it easier to do business, to make sure that we don't increase taxes to hurt their small businesses, better days are still ahead of us.

Mr. HUELSKAMP. Oh, tremendous days are ahead of us. They say, hey, just stop doing a little of what you're doing. I'll even admit it. Some of them even say, you know what, what's there right now, as much as I don't like it, if you could just keep it the same. Two years. Give us a breather. Give us a moratorium. We'd like to roll them back, but give us a moratorium, some certainty on taxes, on regulations, on health care, and, TIM, we'll take care of your revenue problems. We'll do it for you.

Mrs. ROBY. The only thing that we all can agree on is that the only thing that is certain is that uncertainty; and to hear the consistency in all of our experiences back home, it's astounding to me why we cannot—why the President and the leadership in the Senate cannot see this, because if they're really listening to the same Americans that you and I are listening to, they would hear the same message that we've brought to the floor tonight.

Mr. Speaker, the choice for the President and the Senate is very, very clear. It's either political paralysis that leads to certain economic catastrophe, or bipartisan leadership that puts us on a path towards prosperity.

And I would just ask that they keep in mind a few people. Remember who this economy has hit the hardest. You've heard stories tonight in this hour of those business owners that have said just that.

Remember the moms at the grocery store that are trying to put food on the table for their family or gas in the car to get to their one or maybe two jobs.

Remember the young people, the recent graduates that we've talked about that can't find a job; and half of them in the class of 2012 are unemployed and they are drowning in debt.

All of these groups, all of these groups, they deserve leadership out of Washington, not lip service.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mrs. NAPOLITANO (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported that on August 7, 2012, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills.

H.R. 4240. To reauthorize the North Korean Human Rights Act of 2004, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1402. To authorize the Architect of the Capitol to establish battery recharging stations for privately owned vehicles in parking areas under the jurisdiction of the House of Representatives at no net cost to the Federal Government.

H.R. 3670. To require the Transportation Security Administration to comply with the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. ROBY. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 54 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, September 11, 2012, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

7439. A letter from the Branch Chief, Planning and Regulatory Affairs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program: Disqualified Recipient Reporting and Computer Matching Require-

ments received August 28, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7440. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — *Bacillus thuringiensis* eCry3.1Ab Protein in Corn; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2012-0109; FRL-9357-4] received August 7, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7441. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Flutriafol; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2010-0875; FRL-9348-8] received August 7, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7442. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Paraquat Dichloride; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2010-0637; FRL-9357-1] received August 7, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7443. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Residues of Didecyl dimethyl ammonium chloride; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2011-0139; FRL-9356-6] received August 7, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7444. A letter from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Farm Credit Administration Board Meetings; Organization; Standards of Conduct and Referral of Suspected or Known Criminal Violations; Definitions; Disclosure to Shareholders; Accounting and Reporting Requirements; Rules of Practice and Procedure; Practice Before the Farm Credit Administration; and Disclosure to Investors in System-wide and Consolidated Bank Debt Obligations of the Farm Credit System; Unincorporated Business Entities (RIN: 3052-AC65) received August 28, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7445. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act, Air Force Case Number 10-04; to the Committee on Appropriations.

7446. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the activities of the Defense Industrial Base Capabilities Fund during FY 2011, pursuant to Public Law 108-136, section 814(f)(2) (117 Stat. 1545); to the Committee on Armed Services.

7447. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral Dirk J. Debbink, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

7448. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Admiral John C. Harvey, Jr., United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

7449. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Frank A. Panter Jr., United States Marine Corps, and his advancement to the retired list in the grade of lieutenant general; to the Committee on Armed Services.

7450. A letter from the Principal Deputy, Department of Defense, transmitting authorization of five officers to wear the authorized